

In the Claims:

1-21 (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) A biaxial elastic stretch, breathable laminate, comprising consisting essentially of:
a water vapor-permeable elastic film comprising a polymer selected from a group consisting of polyurethanes, polyether amides, polyester elastomers and combinations thereof; and
a spunbond nonwoven web, having machine direction stretch and cross direction stretch, bonded to the film, wherein the spunbond nonwoven web is creped to achieve the machine direction stretch.

23-25 (Canceled)

26. (original) The laminate of Claim 22, wherein the film and web are thermally bonded together.

27. (original) The laminate of Claim 22, wherein the film and web are adhesively bonded together.

28. (original) The laminate of Claim 22, wherein the film and web are bonded together via an extrusion coating process.

29. (original) The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a machine direction is at least 50%.

30. (original) The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the

laminate in a machine direction is in a range of 70% to 200%.

31. (original) The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a machine direction is in a range of 100% to 150%.

32. (original) The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a cross direction is at least 50%.

33. (original) The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a cross direction is in a range of 70% to 200%.

34. (original) The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a cross direction is in a range of 100% to 150%.

35. (original) The laminate of Claim 22, wherein stretchability of the laminate in a machine direction is roughly equal to stretchability of the laminate in a cross direction.

36. (original) An absorbent article outer cover comprising the laminate of Claim 22.

37. (Currently Amended) A biaxial elastic stretch, breathable laminate fluid barrier, ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of:
a breathable elastic film; and
a necked nonwoven facing material that is creped in the machine direction to allow for machine direction stretch and subsequently bonded to the film.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A biaxial elastic stretch, breathable laminate fluid barrier, ~~of Claim 37 comprising:~~
a breathable elastic film; and
a necked nonwoven facing material that is creped in the machine direction to allow for machine direction stretch and subsequently bonded to the film;
and
wherein the film is pre-stretched when bonded to the facing material.